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Members of LRS become 1st Air Force truck company

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

The Air Force expects Airmen to be ready for anything at anytime. Members of Barksdale's 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron found that statement to play true during a recent deployment when they were told they would be doing convoy escort duty.

The group was not deployed for the normal number of deployment days, 90, but was there for 194 days.

"We knew we were being deployed to Iraq last November but we thought it was for a normal deployment," said Tech. Sgt. Ron Fogelson. "We never found out we were going over to do convoy escort, we just ended up doing it.

"The next group knew what they were going in to do but we didn't totally understand we were going over for security," he added.

The Airmen's job was to provide security for locals who were delivering goods to the bases.

"This deployment was extremely different, we were on the front lines in combat," Sergeant Fogelson explained. "Nothing in my 16 year career prepared me for what we were tasked to do."

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Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Steven Lounsbury, who was deployed with the 494th Truck Company, keeps a watchful eye out for the enemy as he is stationed by his .50-caliber weapon during his recent deployment to Iraq.

CFC finishes out first week of receiving donations from base

Staff and wire reports

Barksdale's 2004-2005 Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Sept. 13 and is scheduled to run through Oct. 22. As of Sept. 20, Barksdale has raised \$10,872 in support of the CFC.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. This annual fall fund-raising drive allows more than four million federal

employees to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

Last year, federal workers donated \$250 million during the campaign, with more than \$157,000 of that amount coming from Barksdale, said Maj. Barry Hill, 2d Medical Operations Squadron population health flight commander and installation CFC project officer.

"Our goal this year is to raise \$165,000," Major Hill said. "It's important to show support for our community. Donating is a way for us to help in a different way and give




back to our community."

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, according to officials.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

Visit the Combined Federal Campaign Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc or contact a squadron representative for more information. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Weekend Weather

		
Today Partly cloudy with isolated t-storms Hi: 81 Low: 66	Saturday Partly cloudy with isolated t-storms Hi: 80 Low: 66	Sunday Partly cloudy with isolated t-storms Hi: 84 Low: 65

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Barksdale is seeing pink...ribbons.

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals			
Depicted in hours			
Goal:	253.7	128.5	170.6
Flown:	188.0	127.5	109.3
Remaining:	65.7	1.0	61.3
As of:			
Sept. 17	+25.0	-1.1	-12.5



Training emphasis begins next week

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Last weekend was a tragic time for Team Barksdale, 8th Air Force and Air Combat Command. Across the command we lost three Airmen in less than 24 hours including one of our own from the 2d Bomb Wing. Another Deuce warrior remains hospitalized in critical, but stable condition. Every person around the base feels the loss of a fellow team member, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of both officers. The mark of a great unit is how it responds to adversity, and I can tell you that throughout the wing, base and downtown community, it has been inspirational to watch as we come together to take care of our own.

We just finished the 101 critical days, and we have many safety programs in place to help reduce mishaps, but ultimately, it is actively involved leadership at every level and personal responsibility that have the most impact on safety and effectiveness. As we move forward into the next fiscal year our operation tempo will increase again. It is even more important that each of us refocus on operational and personal risk management. We can never eliminate risk — the very nature of our business is dangerous and often puts us in harm's way. But, we can make Barksdale a safer place to live and work through

constant awareness, weighing the benefits versus the risks of our actions and by making sound decisions.

On Tuesday, we will start our training emphasis week and will kick it off with a Safety Day. Over the course of a four-day period we will "review the basics" at individual, flight and squadron levels. For one day, Wednesday, we will not fly, fix or support bomber operations. Instead, we will focus on mentoring, skills development, technical knowledge, compliance and accountability. Take the time to think about ways to improve your personal skills, build a plan to enhance your depth and breadth of experience and promote safety in your workplace. Then we will take the lessons we learn to make stronger individuals and teams devoted to greatly enhancing the mission capability of the wing.

Finally, we must fall back on a key component of our vector — taking care of each other 24 hours a day, seven days a week is the only way to achieve mission success. Every life is precious, and during these times of difficulty we are reminded that every person can make a difference. Make it your personal responsibility to ensure that you, your friend, coworker and family members make smart decisions and lower the risk of having an accident and hurting themselves or others. That's what being a leader is all about and that's what keeps us "second to none."

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In memory of Capt. John W. Patterson, Jr. March 8, 1973 — September 18, 2004



Capt. John W. Patterson, Jr.

Capt John W. Patterson, Jr. was born in China Lake, Calif. on March 8, 1973. He grew up in the East-end community of Arkansas and went to school in Sheridan most of his life, but spent his senior year at Harmony Grove High School.

On Dec. 18, 1990, he enlisted into the United States Air Force under the delayed entry program. He was sworn in on May 28th, 1991 as a 45231 F-15 Avionics Specialist. In 1992, he was assigned to the 335th Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson, Air Force Base, N.C., as an Aircraft Avionics Attack Control Systems Specialist. There he worked with the F-15 Strike Eagle.

In Jan 1995, Patterson attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach, Fla. with a four year scholarship through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 157. He received his bachelor's degree graduating Suma Cum Laude in Aero Science Technology on Dec. 12, 1997 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

In June of 1998, he went to the 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss., for P-V4A-G Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training flying the T-37 and T-1A. He was awarded 092T0 Pilot.

In August of 1999, he continued training at the 559th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas for the T-37B Pilot Instructor Training Course F-V5A-A.

From July 3, 1999 through September of 2002, Captain Patterson was assigned to the 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS. As a First Lieutenant, he flew more sorties than 92 percent of the squadron for the second quarter. He was recognized as Controller of the Quarter for January — March 2002.

In April 2003 Captain Patterson was assigned to the 20th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale where he began flying the mighty B-52 as an aircraft commander and

squadron scheduling officer. He was the 2d Operations Group Company Grade officer of the quarter for January to March. Recently, he was working on his Master's degree in Aeronautical Science through Embry Riddle.

He was awarded two Air Force Commendation Medals, an Achievement Medal and an Air Force Commendation Medal (Posthumous).

Miss me...but let me go, When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me

I want no gloom or tears, just fond memories for a soul set free

Miss me...a little but not too long and not with your head bowed low

Remember the strong friendships that we shared

Miss me ... but let me go

For this is a journey that we all must take and each must go alone

It's all part of the Master's Plan. A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know

Bury your sorrow for my zestful life. Miss me...but let me go.

In Memory of Capt John W. Patterson

Once a Buccaneer always a Buccaneer

Go with God "Pinto."

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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A call to duty

Doing the right thing, for the right reason

BY LT. COL. DAN KOSIN

2D BOMB WING DIRECTOR OF STAFF

More than 21 years ago, I was in a long line of 1,500 young cadets walking silently on a path of marble squares toward the Air Force Academy's theater in Arnold Hall. Each of us had a fresh basic-style haircut, brand new uniforms, squeaky shoes and a lot of apprehension.

Despite a maximum capacity crowd of brand new high school graduates, the theater was quiet enough for a pin drop commercial. The nervous silence broke when someone called the room to attention and 1,500 kids jumped to their feet.

The one-star Commandant of Cadets walked on stage with a "take seats." Next, he asked the 190 or so Academy Prep school cadets to raise their hands. "Duty quote go," he said, and in unison they recited General Robert E. Lee's duty quote: "Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more, you should never wish to do less." Every cadet in that theater knew the duty quote the next day and I can still spout it off without thinking.

Of course, the word "duty" is just that...a word. It is the ideals wrapped up in duty that have been spoken, written and lived out for years by Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. These ideals are often affirmed by men and women who have given a lifetime of service to the defense of freedom.

General Douglas MacArthur did so in his famous "Duty, Honor, Country" farewell speech to West Point in 1962. "Those three hallowed words," he said, "reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points."

Perhaps the word "duty" has lost a bit of luster over the years, but the principles of duty Generals Lee and MacArthur wrote and spoke about are still alive and well. Many of you probably remember when the Air

Force released "The Little Blue Book" as the basic guide to Air Force Core Values: Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.

Although the word "duty" is not written into Air Force Core Values, the ideals certainly are. The way we perform our duty, or whether we do it at all, tells people about our character, discipline and work ethic. You made a statement the first time you put on a uniform to serve in the world's greatest Air Force. It is a statement written by the blood, sweat and tears of Airmen in the long blue line before you. The challenge is to make it good every day — our call to duty.

So what are the nuts and bolts of doing your duty?

“ You made a statement the first time you put on a uniform to serve in the world's greatest Air Force. It is a statement written by the blood, sweat and tears of Airmen in the long blue line before you. The challenge is to make it good every day — our call to duty. ”

— Lt. Col. Dan Kosin 2d Bomb Wing Director of staff

I've always had my own bottom line: doing the right thing, for the right reason, when no one's watching. It's doing the simple, sometimes monotonous tasks just the way I was trained, even when it's just me. As a B-52 electronic warfare officer sitting backwards and alone in the dark, my challenge is to break out the checklist on tasks I memorized 15 years ago. Can I do it right without it? Probably. Can I afford to get it wrong? Sometimes. Is it the right thing to do? Never! My call to duty.

Our duty is unlike any other occupation, perhaps because ours is hardly an occupation at all. The profession of arms is one of teamwork — one that relies on each Airman. When one falls short the team is less effective. Teamwork starts at the job but never really stops ... everyone is "on duty" all the time. It's not measured by the time clock, shift end or published office hours. Have you stopped to think about duty when the job is done?

Have you ever taken the keys of a team member who's had one too many? Will you wear the proper protection on your motorcycle and demand the same of other Airmen? Would you offer help to a hurting co-worker who's depressed or discouraged? Your duty is different than the banker, the salesman or the mechanic: the team needs you ... will you take the challenge?

Next week, the challenge is for supervisors at all levels to practice our duty...it's a Training Emphasis Week, part II of the back-to-basics program. Your supervisor will be fulfilling perhaps their most important duty — taking care of you. Feedback, mentoring, training, safety, readiness, records reviews, professional development, compliance, accountability, discipline; it's a long list but each item is critical to the mission because without them you can't perform at the top of your game. If you are a supervisor and these are part of your checklists ... good on you! If not, step up to the plate ... it's your call to duty!



Barksdale members assist Army during recent deployment

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The Airmen were assigned to the 494th Truck Company and every member of the company was awarded different medals such as the bronze star, Army commendation medal and purple hearts. The company was also awarded the Big Red One Army combat insignia, signifying they were honorary members of the 1st Infantry Division, located at Wiesbaden, Germany.

The company faced many hazards each day.

"CNN said most of the deaths were coming from roadside explosions or Improvised Explosive Devices and we were facing them every day," Staff Sgt. Darris Spinks said. "If we weren't dodging IED's on the streets, we were dodging mortars while trying to sleep."

When asked about the one thing none of them would ever forget, they all agreed about the first encounter with an IED.

"We were driving through Mosul in a five-vehicle convoy doing a chaplain escort, taking him to different places," Sergeant Spinks said. "We had two gun trucks, one communications truck and the chaplain's vehicle."

"We were just coming to the end of a bridge where an Iraqi policeman stood every day. And there was an IED built into the curb. The chaplain was injured badly and the communications trucks' brake lines were broken," he added. "You couldn't see anything."

"It's the loudest thing you'll ever hear," said Senior Airman Tony Player.

"We were looking around for possible targets but there was nothing," Sergeant



Courtesy Photo

Air Force members of the 494th Truck Company lead a long line of supply trucks along one of their convoy routes

Spinks said. "We had to hook-up the disabled communications truck and drag it the last two miles to base."

The members who deployed with this group remember how some of their training was different.

"It was a big learning curve learning Army techniques compared to Air Force ones," Sergeant Fogelson said. "They do things a lot differently than we do."

"Army, Air Force, Navy or Marines, we all take the same oath to defend the U.S.

from all enemies," Sergeant Fogelson said.

The 2d LRS currently has 12 members deployed for convoy escort duties. The best advice these veterans had for their replacements was "be ready for anything, at any time."



Courtesy Photo

Listen up: Capt. Bryan Roundtree, weapons officer for the 36th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron deployed from Barksdale, briefs the capabilities of the Mighty B-52 to members of the Pacific Air Chief's Conference during their visit to Guam on Wednesday.



96th BS participates in UFL exercise

Guam proves to be good place for B-52

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Members of the 96th Bomb Squadron recently participated in Ulchi-Focus Lens while deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, as the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron.

Ulchi-Focus Lens is an annual joint exercise conducted with the Republic of Korea in the August to September time frame that is designed to exercise, evaluate and improve crisis action measures and procedures for the combined war plans in the defense of the ROK.

This was the first year B-52s have participated in UFL.

"It was a new situation just to have B-52 presence in UFL," said 1st Lt. Clint Michaelson, 96th Bomb Squadron B-52 electronic warfare officer. "It was the only flying asset in the command and control exercise."

Lt. Col. Bob Colella, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron commander, believes participating was a good experience.

"The B-52 participation in UFL went really well," Colonel Colella said. "We had good communications

with the country authorities and had good learning experiences getting past language barriers. Being able to enter Korean airspace was a good, new experience for our exercise participants."

Their participation wasn't just about learning, it was also about communication.

"Our participation in UFL was a communications exercise for us," Colonel Colella said. "The communications we were working with helps to bring flexibility to the fight."

Capt. Erik Johnson, a B-52 pilot with the 96th Bomb Squadron, agrees that it was about communications, but also global reach.

"We were demonstrating global reach and exercising our different forms of communications," Capt. Johnson said. "Our beyond-line-of-sight communications gave us the opportunity to change our simulated targets mid-mission."

Although the crews did face some challenges, such as weather, they excelled and completed their mission.

"We were displaying our global power by proving that weather cannot deter our missions," Captain Johnson said. "We flew right through Super Typhoon Chaba to support the exercise."

Through overcoming those challenges, they learned what the B-52 can do.

"The sortie we did through Chaba personified what the B-52 is – a long-range, all weather, old, heavy

bomber that can still get the job done," Lieutenant Michaelson said.

They learned not only what the B-52 is capable of, but also what the maintainers are capable of as well.

"Our maintenance did a great job in supporting us for this mission," Colonel Colella said. "There was a terrible downpour happening when we were having trouble with one of the jets, but they were out there turning the wrenches and making sure that we made every mission assigned. We just have a fantastic team of [Airmen] supporting us every step of the way."

There was another significant event that occurred at UFL with the B-52.

"We also had the chance to refuel to our max gross weight by taking on 50,000 pounds of fuel in flight," Colonel Colella said. "Like the Airmen of the World War II era, this exercise gave us a chance to navigate using dead reckoning, but with the modern technology of the Global Positioning System to back us up."

Lieutenant Michaelson said Andersen is a good launch point to meet exercises and objectives in the Pacific region.

"If bombers are to continue their mission at Andersen, which they are right now for the foreseeable future, many more will be participating in Pacific exercises," Lieutenant Michaelson said. "The air crews are excited to participate and this first chance to be in UFL was a great opportunity."

Safety day marks end of 101 Critical days of Summer, No Pain Campaign

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
BOMBARDIER

Tuesday's Safety Day comes at the end of both the 101 Days of Summer and the six month No Pain Campaign. The safety day will consist of a presentation by the 2d Bomb Wing Safety Office and also a message from the 2d Bomb Wing Commander, Col. Michael Moeller.

Col. Eldon Woodie, 2d Bomb Wing vice commander, who recently returned from his deployment at Guam, sees this safety day and the mishap reduction that may be learned from it as an opportunity for the 2d Bomb Wing's readiness in future Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycles.

"AEF readiness requires strong operational risk management and an absolute

commitment to safe operations," Colonel Woodie said. "Keeping our risk reduction to a minimum means that the Mighty Deuce's warriors are more fit to fight for future deployments."

During the presentation, Ground Safety Manager, Mr. Percy Adams, and other safety representatives will also discuss trends of different safety actions during the past six months and how people can avoid further mishaps.

As for the past six months, Mr. Adams believes Team Barksdale did well.

"All in all, the No Pain Campaign went very well," Mr. Adams said. "We concentrated our focus on off-duty mishaps like water sports, driving and miscellaneous things like rollerblading and it went well. There were no four

wheeled vehicle mishaps. However, our motorcycle accident rate went up this summer. We had more motorcycle mishaps than anything else. We did not have any on duty safety mishaps that were reportable."

Wing Safety's new focus will be on operational awareness and safety on the job, now that the leisure months of summer where Airmen have historically received more injuries off the job are over.

"This particular safety day, we're concentrating on shifting from the summer holiday to concentrating on our training emphasis week and we want to push the fact that people need to pay attention to their on duty safety by following the procedures, following the rules, so they can get the jobs done safely," Mr. Adams said.

Back to basics: Not just filling in a training block

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
BOMBARDIER

Usually, when someone looks at a list of requirements on a checklist, all that is concerned is getting them all checked off. Not so at the Mighty Deuce.

Across the wing next week, base organizations will be reviewing training basics in preparation for the Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise coming up in October. Squadrons and units will build training plans specific for their Airmen's duties here at Barksdale as well as activities they may be required to do while deployed at other locations.

Col. Eldon Woodie, 2d Bomb Wing vice commander, sees the back to basics program as a way to refamiliarize Airmen with their jobs so they are 100 percent effective in time for the upcoming exercises as well as future deployments.

"Back to basics training at the Mighty 2d Bomb Wing really means sticking to basics," Colonel Woodie said. "This wing has a well-earned reputation for projecting airpower when and where America needs it ... returning to and polishing the basics makes it happen."

As the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron approaches the Back to Basics week, the question is not "has the unit done the training, but has it done *enough* training?" Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hammon, NCO in charge of operational readiness for 2d CES, has already deployed to Iraq once and wants to ensure that those who haven't deployed are ready for real world situations dealing with convoys.

Sergeant Hammon and his engineers will be administering a convoy exercise Monday that will be more in depth than convoy drills in the past.

"What we used to do (for exercises) is just drive a small convoy out to the exercise site, and that would be it," Sgt. Hammon said. "To me, it didn't give you the re-

alism that you needed in the field: having weapons in the vehicle, looking for threats, guarding sectors of fire and dismounting and reacting if you are attacked."

With his knowledge learned from his deployment and also knowing that many more CES Airmen are augmenting into roles of protecting convoys, Sergeant Hammon doesn't want to just "fill the square" on the upcoming exercises. Hammon has also asked other units to help in the exercise to give it more realism.

"In our requirements there isn't much detail into what has to be done with a convoy," the sergeant explained. "So I thought, if we're going to do this training, why don't we throw some more real world scenarios in there and beef it up a little bit and see what happens if the convoy gets attacked. Basically, you can listen to the training, you can watch the videos, but until you are doing it in an on-the-job training environment, it just doesn't process."



Exercise Razorback rustles CAOC

BY 1ST LT. CARLA PAMPE

8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Strategic Command Air Forces new Air and Space Operations Center here passed its first real test since its standup last month with the successful conclusion of Exercise Razorback Sept. 16.

The exercise, led by the Air National Guard's 188th Fighter Wing at Fort Smith, Ark., focused on Time-Sensitive Targeting. It involved both Air National Guard units and active duty units from across the Air Force, and stressed virtual collaboration, where units communicated not only by telephone and radios, but through specialized computer software.

"It was used to hone the battle management command and control relationship between the AOC, the airborne command and control platforms and the bombers and fighters flying in the exercise," said Maj. Bill Mengers, operations officer for the 608th Combat Operations Squadron, who served as chief of combat operations for Exercise Razorback. "It was the first real exercise we've done in the new AOC. We did a mini-exercise for the ribbon cutting, but this was more robust."

Lt. Col. Larry Hahn, 8th Air Force, served as senior offensive duty officer for the exercise.

"The primary purpose of this exercise was to train aircrews — F-16 crews, B-52 crews, B-1 crews, AWACS and JSTARS crews in the process of coordinating and executing missions against time-sensitive targets," he said. "Where the AOC came in was bringing the primary command and control element to that exercise, where we actually run the process of identifying and validating these types of targets. We're determining our ability to strike them, and once we've done that, we look at allocating the right aircraft and weapons to that target."

The staff in the AOC identifies the right aircraft and weapons and relays the command to the AWACS. The AWACS then relays the information to the aircrews and gives them their target assignments, Colonel Hahn said.

"It's a streamlined and rapid process," he added. "The benefits of the AOC being involved in this is that we can be looking at a large area of the world and make rapid decisions on how to best utilize the resources we have available and then respond to it quickly — basically, we shoot them before they can shoot us."

Although TST was the main focus of the exercise, an added benefit for the AOC being involved in Exercise Razorback was that it offered a perfect opportunity to test out the new equipment and processes.

"We have a new building and new systems and it's never really been tested. When you do that, you find all kinds of things that may not work exactly as you planned," said Colonel Hahn. "This is allowing us to gain confidence in this system, so if we have to go in and do this for real, we'll know where the shortfalls are and how to work around them."



Maj. Jim Lange, the interface control officer for Exercise Razorback, was responsible to the chief of combat operations to ensure that the lines of communication, radio equipment and links were operational. To do this he worked closely with the 608th Air Communications Squadron.

"We bring in all the pictures to the data wall, and we operators work with the 608th ACOMS guys to make sure all of that is working," he said. "During the exercise we were finding all kinds of things that we had planned for that didn't necessarily work like we expected them to, but we were able to find workarounds for every issue."

Major Lange felt it was a great wring-out for the system.

"We identified things we know we'll need in the future so we can start planning purchases," he said. "It's also really been a lot of good training for people who have never done this kind of thing before."

It wasn't just the operators who benefited from the training, said Staff Sgt. Jeff Bean, an AOC systems administrator.

"It's been an outstanding learning process for us as administrators," he said. "This is the first time we've been able to roll out some of the systems in a live-fly environment."

"If you just build a system, you have no idea whether it really works. You need people to come in and use the system to work out all the kinks," he said. "We already had backup and tertiary plans in place, but we were able to trouble-shoot problems on the spot."

Sergeant Bean said many of the administrators for the exercise had never worked in an AOC before, and some will be deploying to the Middle East very soon.

"Seeing an AOC up and operational is an awesome example of what an AOC will be like in the desert," he said. "It lets them see



Staff Sgt. Denise Raydar/2d CS

Top: Major Joseph Divar, Time-Sensitive Targeting chief in training for Exercise Razorback, processes TST information Sept. 16 at the Strategic Command Air Forces Air and Space Operations Center at Barksdale. Bottom: 1st Lt. Jonathan Wilson and 2nd Lt. Matt Ellis, both with the 26th Operational Weather Squadron, look at weather forecasts for the live-fly area during Exercise Razorback Sept. 16.

how everybody talks together and what our role is. This is the most realistic picture of how to do our job when we're deployed."

Overall, the exercise was a big success, said Major Mengers.

"This exercise has allowed our STRATAF CAOC to further enhance our current capabilities — hardware and software applications, processes and additional collaborative

tools to plan and command the Air Tasking Order," he said. "It has also enhanced our relationships in planning and execution between the entire 8th Air Force team, the 2d Bomb Wing and the 188th Fighter Wing. This has helped prepare 8th Air Force to support Blue Flag and the Joint Task Force exercise in January, and is the first of many exercises we will execute from this CAOC."



News briefs

Classified ads

A problem with The Times' e-mail for *The Bombardier* classified ads was recently identified. The problem was not found in time for this week's issue, however, it will be corrected and ads submitted should begin appearing in the next issue. Call Miss Jackie Jones at 459-3475 for more information.

Helmet and seatbelt violations

Effective immediately, the Office of Motor Vehicles will begin including convictions for no seatbelt and no motorcycle helmet on the driver's history. These violations will also be reflected on the person's Official Driving Record. Call Miss Ashley Spiers or Miss Maurie Alford at 225-925-3895 for more information.

Retired benefits

Retired military beneficiaries under the age of 65 who became medically disabled and qualify for Medicare coverage must enroll in Medicare Part B to retain their Tricare eligibility. Medicare is conducting a special open enrollment period to allow eligible individuals not enrolled in Part B to enroll without incurring the late-enrollment premium penalty. This also applies for those over the age of 65 who did not enroll in Part B. Call Mr. Ed Merritt at 456-6567 for more information.

Patriotic Sunday event

Several Public Servants in this area have been invited to attend this year's "Patriotic Sunday," on Oct. 17 at Haughton Baptist Temple in honor of their public service in this area. The special guest will be Veteran Sgt. Woody Williams, a Medal of Honor recipient who is one of the most highly decorated heroes of World War II. There will be one special service held which begins at 10:30 a.m. The honor guard will present the colors to open the ceremony and special dinner is scheduled following the service for all military personnel, public servants and their families.

Sports day

Eighth Air Force is scheduled to hold its annual Sports Day today. The event includes a picnic and numerous sports competitions, culminating with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. All 8th AF members and their dependents are encouraged to participate. Call Capt. Josh Lewis at 456-1269 for more information.

Freedom Riders

The Barksdale Freedom Riders Motorcycle club is holding a contest to create a club patch. The entries should be patriotic in theme and must have the words "Barksdale Freedom Riders" somewhere on the patch. Entries will be judged by members of the motorcycle club. All entries need to be submitted no later than Thursday. All submissions should be given to 2d Lt. Olan Hewitt, 1st Lt. Brandon Wilkins or Tech. Sgt. Dan Dougherty. The person who submits the winning entry will receive a prize to be named later.

Tutoring program

The Barksdale Tutorial Education by Airmen for Children tutoring program is looking for volunteers to participate in the program for the 2004-2005 school year at Sun City, Bellaire, Kerr Elementary and Rusheon Middle Schools. The program is open to anyone interested, military or civilian. Individuals will only be required to commit to one and a half hours per week for the school year. Spanish speaking tutors are also greatly needed for Rusheon

Middle School. Call or e-mail Tech. Sgt. Helen Phares at 456-4497 or 752-0335, Staff Sgt. Lucas Berreckman at 456-8625 or Senior Airman Marilyn Strobbe at 456-4412 for more information.

Mandatory myPay

Effective October 1, SECAF/CSAF mandated myPay for all military members. Military members will receive their last hardcopy pay statements in the mail for the Oct. 1 payday. Members can access myPay and receive PINs at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Call Master Sgt. Marlin Fjordbak at 456-3598 for more information.

Volunteers

Barksdale volunteers are needed to help the Bossier City Animal Shelter find homes for unwanted animals at Critter Co. on Benton Rd. in Bossier City Oct. 2 and at PetCo Oct. 9. Volunteers will take shelter animals to PetCo on Youree Dr., Shreveport, for an outreach pet adoption. Volunteers can help out all day, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or in two-hour shifts. Call 2d Lt. Carisa Proctor-Schwartz at 456-3953 or 218-8297 to sign up or for more information.

Retirements**Maj. Mark Clark**

Maj. Mark Clark, 2d Operations Support Squadron, retires after 22 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 11 a.m. in the second floor conference room of the 2d Operations Group building. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Master Sgt. Richard Washington

Master Sgt. Richard Washington, 2d Bomb Wing, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 11 a.m. in the Dougherty Center. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilian. Call Tech. Sgt. Daryl Gurunian at 456-5608 for more information.

Tech. Sgt. Terrie Delahaya

Tech. Sgt. Terrie Delahaya, 344th Recruiting Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony Monday at 3 p.m. at the 8th Air Force Museum. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Tech. Sgt. Justin Johnson

Tech. Sgt. Justin Johnson, 2d Operations Support Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Warrior Center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Master Sgt. Andamo Sherman

Master Sgt. Andamo Sherman, 2nd Mission Support Squadron, retires after 21 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the officer's club ballroom, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. James Auzenne at 456-2144 for more information.

Master Sgt. Mark Caldwell

Master Sgt. Mark Caldwell, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, retires after 22 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the 49th TES Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. Danny Skinner at 456-8395 for more information.

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Sanchez

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Sanchez, 2d Security Forces Squadron, retires after 30 years of dedicated service in a ceremony at the enlisted club ballroom Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Adams at 456-4181 or Miss Ruth Baugh at 456-3764 for more information.



Military personnel data system managed like weapons system

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials have been making steady progress in improving the military personnel data system following the installment of a new system that used Web technology for instant access and feedback about three years ago.

The new system was designed to take on new functions and grow but started with operational challenges when the complexity of the personnel system yielded unanticipated problems.

It was not just an upgrade, but an entirely new system designed to use Web technology for instant access and feedback, a system that could take on new functions and grow. Planners expected significant improvements in service and capabilities, but the complexity of the personnel system yielded unanticipated problems.

Like the launch of any new major weapon systems, the system experienced operational challenges.

“When MilPDS was initially fielded, everything from assignments to pay and retirements frustrated Airmen,” said Col. Greg Touhill, director of personnel data systems at the center. “Untimely outages contributed to customers losing confidence in the system. The Air Force had to act to turn things around and we have ...

“We’ve stabilized the system, fixed most major defects and virtually eliminated unscheduled outages,” he said. “While we still have challenges to improve the system, we’re on the right track.”

“Challenges have been reduced greatly because of changes made to the system,” said Chief Master Sgt.

Bobbie Garbett, superintendent of the 2d Bomb Wing Military Personnel Flight. “The changes have made for a more expeditious process for our customers.”

Part of the stabilization has been a new way of thinking behind its operation.

“We run the personnel data systems like a weapons system,” Colonel Touhill said. “We look at our system availability just like a wing looks at aircraft availability. Our technicians are trained and tested to maintain qualification standards. Preventive maintenance downtime is scheduled to accommodate customer needs, even taking into account Guard and Reserve drill weekends. We rigorously test all system changes in a test lab — just like flight testing — (before) going live on the systems. This helps us ensure the service we provide is secure, reliable and effective.”

“Our primary objective is to put a quality product in the hands of our Airmen,” said Col. Howard Borst, chief of the systems programs office responsible for acquiring software and hardware for Air Force personnel systems. “We’ve changed our processes to ensure the integrity of the system and improve customer service. We’ve also worked to insert fixes that improve capability with immediate pay-off to the folks in the field.”

An example of that type of technology insertion is the addition of a system that gives personnel specialists in the field the capability to use their Web browser to access information. Preliminary tests at overseas bases are showing this capability could have a huge effect in Airmen’s ability to get their jobs done, Colonel Borst said.

For example, a query that used to take two to three hours now takes about a minute, said Maj. Cynthia

Gaare, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

“We’re happy with the improvement in performance [of the system]; it has definitely made making updates faster and pulling data less frustrating,” she said. “The new capability is a huge morale booster to the (military personnel flight Airmen).”

A critical part of any weapons system is training. Analysis showed that initial data system training was deficient and contributed early to end-user challenges; Airmen simply did not understand the initial limitations of the new system, said Chief Master Sgt. Kevin White, superintendent of the center’s field operations.

“I look at the military personnel flights as our flight-line, and it’s our job to make sure that Airmen are trained and have the proper tools to get the job done,” he said. “One of those tools is an up-to-date operator’s manual, and we’re set to release an updated (one) for MilPDS early next year.”

Feedback from the field is showing that the efforts to stabilize and fix the system are having a positive effect on Air Force operations, Colonel Touhill said.

“As a wing commander, my job is making sure people have the information and tools they need to take care of the mission, and accurate personnel data is a very high priority,” said Col. Chris Miller, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. “MilPDS data is light-years better than it was even two years ago. Beyond the clear improvement so far, I’m encouraged that the Air Force is pressing hard to make MilPDS data even easier for commanders, supervisors and all Airmen to use.” (*Courtesy of AFPC News Service*)



Airman Tabitha Wininger/2d CS

Cookin’: Senior Airman LaYonda Millsap cooks burgers on the grill During lunch hours at the Red River Dining Facility Sept. 14. The Red River dining Facility has been nominated to compete for the 2005 John L. Hennessy Award, which recognizes the best dining facility in Air Combat Command.



Breast cancer awareness month approaches

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

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THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale is seeing pink...as in ribbons – signifying the beginning of breast cancer awareness month, Oct. 1.

Breast cancer is a disease that affects thousands of people, men and women, every year. According to the American Cancer Society Web site, more than 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year.

In April 2003, Staff Sgt. Sharon Wood, a regional operational manager with the 26th Operational Weather Squadron, became one of those new cases.

“When the doctors told me I had breast cancer, the room just started spinning,” said Sergeant Wood, who was 33 at the time. “I felt scared and nervous.”

Early detection is key in the fight against breast cancer, the ACS Web site said. There are a number of ways to help detect it early, which gives those affected a better chance at survival.

The most common ways of early detection are mammography, breast self-examinations and examinations by a doctor.

“Let your provider do a clinical exam beginning at age 40. If you noticed a change in your breast, request a clinical exam,” said Maj. Madeline Howell, 2d Medical Operation Squadron.

Once diagnosed, in addition to medical treatment, family support is key, Sergeant Wood said.

“My family, my husband and kids, and my friends were very supportive after I was diagnosed,” Sergeant Wood said.

Sergeant Wood said a good attitude about the situation also helps.

“It’s important to stay positive and see the humor in everything,” Sergeant Wood said.

Sergeant Wood also said if someone thinks something is wrong, don’t take “no” for an answer.

“I had been to the doctor seven months before I was diagnosed and they told me I was fine, but I had the feeling something wasn’t right,” Sergeant Wood said. “I had to get a second opinion and that’s when I found out.”

While breast cancer awareness month encourages women to get examined, women aren’t the only ones getting the disease.

“No one particular group is really affected. Everyone, including men, can be affected and should be aware,” Sergeant Wood said.

Breast cancer is also the second leading cause of death due to cancer, the ACS Web site said. More than 40,000 women die from breast cancer every year.

Of all these cases, seven out of 10 occur in those with none of the important risk factors, other than simply being a woman, the Web site said.

“Before I was diagnosed no one in my family that I knew of had breast cancer. It wasn’t until three days after my diagnosis that my mother was also diagnosed,” Sergeant Wood said.

The ACS Web site said that the most common risk factors include gender, age, personal and family history.

Simply being a woman is the main risk factor for breast cancer, the ACS Web site said.

“Women with no family history of breast cancer

should have annual clinical breast exams and mammography beginning at 40 years of age,” Major Howell said. “Those with a family history of a first-degree relative, such as a mother or sister with breast cancer, should consult their physician to determine when they should begin annual clinical breast exams and mammography.”

The ACS Web site agrees with Major Howell, saying that having a mother, sister or daughter with breast cancer about doubles a woman’s risk.

The age group most commonly affected are those over 40 years old, the ACS Web site said.

The Web site also said eight out of 10 breast cancers are found in women over 50.

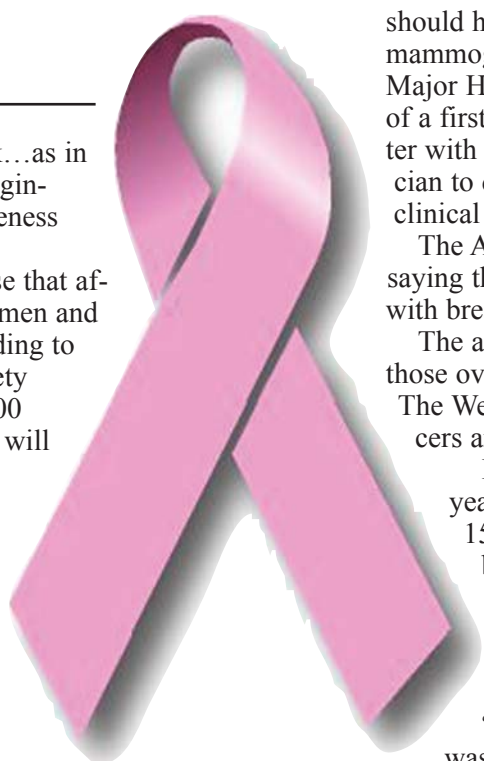
Breast cancer risk in women under 40 years old is very rare, with only an estimated 157 out of 100,000 women under age 40 being diagnosed with breast cancer, Major Howell said.

This can make coping more difficult for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

“It was hard for me because my mother was diagnosed around the same time I was,” said Sergeant Wood, who has been a breast cancer survivor for more than a year. “And she handled it in a very different way than I did; I was very vocal about my illness, my mother was more private and didn’t like discussing it. The best advice I can give to women and their families is don’t be afraid to talk about it and accept the way the person is dealing with it. Everyone deals with this differently.”

There are many ways to support those diagnosed. Among them is a cancer support group offered through the Family Support Center. Call 456-8400 for more information.

For more information on ways to help in the fight against breast cancer, visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Sharon Wood and son, Dallas, age 5, walk together at the 2003 Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure. Sergeant Wood has been a breast cancer survivor for more than a year.



Courtesy photo

The 26th Operational Weather Squadron team turned out to run in support of Staff Sgt. Sharon Wood (center in pink), a regional operational manager with the 26th OWS, at this year’s Race for the

Cure Sept. 18. The 26th OWS, captained by Tech. Sgt. Luis Vazquez (kneeling), a unit training manager with the 26th OWS, was the largest military team at the race.



A glance at the American Diabetes Association

One of the organizations that falls under the umbrella of the Combined Federal Campaign is the American Diabetes Association. While many organizations require a large investment of time to help, the local branch of the ADA is asking Barksdale people to participate in their walk-a-thon for awareness.

Diabetes is reaching near-epidemic proportions in the country and affects nearly 18 million Americans, including 26,000 in the Shreveport-Bossier area. While an estimated 11.1 million people have been diagnosed, another 5.9 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease.

Diabetes is the fifth deadliest disease in America and has killed more people than AIDS or breast cancer. More than 210,000 Americans each year die from its complications.

This is where the American Diabetes Association comes in. Its mission is to prevent and cure diabetes while also improving the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the association has been funding innovative diabetes research since 1955.

“Through our nationwide research program, we are working to find the cure for and prevention of diabetes and its many health problems,” said Julianna Woodruff, local ADA representative.

The Association reaches millions of people annually through its information activities and awareness efforts. The Association also fights on behalf of the diabetes community to increase federal funding for diabetes research and programs, improve comprehensive health care and insurance coverage, and end discrimination against people with diabetes.

What is Diabetes?

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes is a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors appear to play roles.

- Type 1. An autoimmune disease in which the body does not produce any insulin, most often occurring in children and young adults. People with type 1 diabetes must take daily insulin injections to stay alive.
- Type 2. A metabolic disorder resulting from the body's inability to make enough, or properly use, insulin. This form of the disease is associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, history of gestational diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, physical inactivity and race and ethnicity.
- Gestational diabetes develops in two to five percent of all pregnancies but disappears when a pregnancy is over. Women who have had gestational diabetes are at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes later in life. After pregnancy, five to ten percent of women with gestational diabetes are found to have type 2 diabetes, and women who have had gestational diabetes have a 20-50 percent chance of developing diabetes in the next five to ten years.

What are the Statistics?

- 213,000: The number of annual deaths involving diabetes in the United States
- 61 percent: The increase of Americans with diabetes since 1990
- 18.2 million: The estimated number of Americans who have diabetes
- 1.3 million: The number of people who are diagnosed with diabetes each year
- 9.3 million: The number of women in the United States with diabetes
- The prevalence of diabetes is at least two to four times higher among African American, Hispanic and Latino, American Indian and Asian or Pacific Islander women than among white women.

How can you Help?

One way to help the ADA is to participate in the annual America's Walk for Diabetes. This event is the organization's annual walk to raise funds for diabetes research to find a cure and for programs to improve the lives of people with diabetes.

“Diabetes is serious,” Mrs. Woodruff said. “Diabetes is a very costly battle, and that's why we need the community's help. A great

way to help us fight this devastating disease is participate in our annual America's Walk for Diabetes on Saturday at Summer Grove at South Park Mall.”

The walk starts at 8924 Jewella Avenue in Shreveport and check-in begins at 8 a.m. For more information or to register, call 425-2878 or visit www.diabetes.org/walk. (courtesy of American Diabetes Association)



FSC holds town hall meeting

Barksdale members get together to help spouses of deployed members

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Spouses of deployed members met Sept. 16 at the Chapel two annex to discuss topics ranging from childcare and housing and maintenance to questions about reunions and family medical care.

Speakers at the meeting included Col. Michael Moeller, commander, 2d Bomb Wing, Mrs. Carol Moeller, Ms. Winona Gillespie, Family Support Center and Mr. David Day, casualty affairs.

Colonel Moeller spoke to the spouses about why the wing deploys, where the units deploy to and some of the deployment reasons.

"My task to all of you spouses is please take advantage of everything we have at the Family Support Center," Colonel Moeller said. "That's what we're here for, to take care of you so your spouse can take care of their job wherever they're located."

There was also a panel of experts from different offices on base ranging from the chapel and the Red Cross to the base finance and legal offices and the Family Support Center.

Mr. Day explained what his office would do should the deployed spouse die while overseas. He talked about the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, notification processes and what his office can do to help spouses of deceased service members.

The squadron commanders and first sergeants were even on hand to speak with individual family members to ensure their issues were addressed.

Just as if Colonel Moeller was speaking to his troops, he finished up his presentation by requesting people ask a minimum of three questions to make sure no question went unanswered.

One concerned spouse asked if her husband would return early if she had a surgery. Others asked questions about childcare and communi-

cating with their deployed spouse.

For information about surviving a spouse's deployment or for a list of events for families of deployed members call the Family Support Center at 456-8400.



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

**Airman 1st Class
Mark Santana**

Family: Al, Father; Lu DeSantis, Mother; JC, Brother

Hometown: Garden Grove, Calif.

Unit: 2d Communications Squadron

Job title: Satellite, wideband and telemetry systems apprentice

Job description: Maintain and operate the Lightweight Multiband satellite terminal

Most rewarding job aspect: Working with friends I've known for years

Goals: Complete my degree and become more proficient in my duties

Hobbies: Coaching and playing volleyball and playing pool

What motivates my winning attitude: The desire to not be one of those people who appear useless in the eyes of others

Favorite TV show: Family Guy

Favorite sports team: New York Rangers

Favorite movie: The Thomas Crown Affair

The most influential person for you in the Air Force and why: Staff Sgt. Tett for putting me on the right path early in my career

2d Communication Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:

Lt. Col. Richard Converse

First sergeant:

Master Sgt. Ronald Potchebski

2d Mission Support Group commander:

Col. Colleen Duffy

Division motto:

"No comm, no bomb"



Airman 1st Class Sonya Padilla/2d CS

Cover your ears: Explosive ordnance disposal technicians from the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Jason Davis and Airman 1st Class Martin Strom, place blocks of C-4 at the demolition range during a recent training exercise.



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)

“Collateral”

Rated: R
Playing: Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.
Run time: 127 minutes
Cast: Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx
Synopsis: A struggling comedy writer named Max, who drives a cab in Los Angeles to earn a living, realizes the passenger he’s been driving around all day is a hit man who has been rubbing out people at every stop. Max has to figure out how to prevent the killer from knocking off his last victim and how to come out of the situation alive.



“The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement”

Rated: G
Playing: Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday 7 p.m.
Run time: 115 minutes
Cast: Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews
Synopsis: Princess Mia is ready to begin her duties as princess of Genovia alongside Queen Clarisse, but soon learns that Clarisse needs her to take over as queen. The catch? Genovian law states that all queens must be married, so the search for the perfect groom begins.

“Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie”

Rated: PG
Playing: Saturday at 2 p.m.
Run time: 90 minutes
Cast: Animated
Synopsis: After the conclusion of the Battle City Tournament, deep below the sands of Egypt, an ancient evil has awakened. Anubis, who was defeated centuries ago by Yugi’s mysterious alter ego — the ancient Pharaoh — has returned for revenge. Wielding the power of the Eighth Millennium Item, Anubis is determined to destroy Yugi and take over the world.



Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.
Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon
Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.
Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Catholic parish picnic

The Catholic parish picnic is scheduled Sunday at Cullen Park at 10 a.m.

Protestant women of the chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Two annex.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769
Red River Inn, 456-8367
Items subject to change

Today

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers
Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

Saturday

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken
Supper — Pork chops, fish almondine, stir-fry chicken

Sunday

Brunch — Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles, chicken breasts
Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst
Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

Tuesday

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish
Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

Wednesday

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean jerk chicken
Dinner — Country-style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

Thursday

Lunch — Liver, tempura-fried fish, spiced pork chops
Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

Oct. 1

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks
Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.
Reservations required for all events.

Financial planning and investment seminar

A financial planning and investment seminar is scheduled Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. This semi-annual, four-week seminar teaches investment principles and provides information to assist in making the right choices when planning for retirement. Professionals associated with the Louisiana State University School of Business, along with the Louisiana Consortium of Insurance and Investing facilitate this seminar.

Virtual assistant training program

The virtual assistant training program is scheduled Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Virtual Assistants are self-employed individuals who provide off-site business support services to their clients. Work assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer and real-time online messaging. Candidates for the program should have a minimum of two years of administrative support experience, Internet access, a good working knowledge of basic software, a computer with a Windows 95 or newer operating system and a strong desire for employment or employment change. Participation is limited to 20 people. If an individual is a spouse of an active duty military member and would like to participate in this free training program, please complete and submit the online application form no later than Oct. 1, at www.msvas.com/application_barksdale.htm or call Stephanie or Sandy at 456-8400 for more information.

Kids on the move

A kids on the move workshop is scheduled Monday at 6 p.m. Moving can create fear and anxiety for children. Changing schools and making new friends are common concerns. A video on moving and an informational booklet provide the basis for this workshop, along with a discussion of where the children are moving to or from. Ease the moving process by signing up today. Call 456-8400 for registration and/or more information.

Smooth move

A smooth move briefing is scheduled Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Is separation, retirement or a permanent change of station in the future? Come meet face-to-face with representatives from the traffic management office, legal, military pay, housing and the Family Support Center. Valuable information is provided to assist in making the move as painless as possible. A 30-minute presentation covering items unique to overseas-bound members and their families is also available. Call 456-8400 to register or for more information.

Pre-separation briefing

Better preparation leads to a smoother transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing will inform you of the resources available as you make this transition. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to schedule this important briefing.

Personal and family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center’s Readiness Team is ready and able to provide information and support during this time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others. Call 456-8400 for more information.



Spouse learns golf to stay busy while husband TDY



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Tina Williams tees off on hole 8 at Barksdale's Fox Run Golf Course while her husband Michael looks on.

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

People cope with the fact their significant other is deployed in many ways — maybe by learning to paint, reading more books or starting a new hobby. Such was the case for Tina Williams when her husband went on temporary duty a year ago and she took up golf.

“Michael went TDY to Shaw AFB, South Carolina, during May 2003 and I decided I was going to surprise him,” Mrs. Williams said. “He loves sports but I don’t.”

Mrs. Williams turned to John Williams, assistant manager and club pro at Barksdale's Fox Run Golf Course, and his lessons for help.

“Mrs. Williams came out and took three or four lessons from me and picked it up very quickly,” John Williams said.

“I wanted to learn golf because all we had in common before that was bowling and pool,” Mrs. Williams said. “But once I took lessons from John, I became a ‘junkie’.”

It didn't take long after Mr. Williams returned for his wife to break the news to him.

“One morning after I had returned she told me she had something to do that afternoon,” he stated. “When she returned she informed me she had just taken her last golf lesson and I was in disbelief.”

Her husband was extremely surprised at his wife's newly acquired pastime.

“I was happy to learn she picked up the sport,” Michael Williams said. “I was surprised because she never really understood chasing a little ball around for hours trying to put it into a little hole.”

“It didn't really hit Michael I had taken up a new sport until he drove the cart for me during an office golf tournament,” Mrs. Williams said.

Mrs. Williams' taking up a new sport was not the first thing she has done to surprise her husband while he was deployed.

“During a previous deployment Tina totally remodeled the bathroom,” Mr. Williams said.

John Williams commented about how the Williams' play.

“They are very competitive when they come out here; they are always trying to beat each other,” John Williams said. “They usually try to come out to the golf course at least once a weekend.”

“I wish more couples would take up the opportunity to share a hobby like this,” John Williams added.

Intramural football shorts

Editor's note: The following is a brief recap of the flag football games played Tuesday. Games are played at the Sports and Fitness center Monday through Thursday with schedules subject to change. Call 456-4135 for more information.

8th AF 28 — 11th BS 0

8th Air Force rolled over the 11th Bomb Squadron 28-0 in the first of three shut-outs.

The 8th AF quarterback Louis Cusimano threw four touchdown passes in the win. Wide receiver Roy Grant caught two touchdown passes in the win.

2d CS #1 36 — AWC/SVS 0

In the second shut-out of the night the 2d Communication Squadron blanked the Air Warfare Center/2d

Services team 36-0 to up their undefeated record.

Six different 2d CS players found the end zone while quarterback Chris Wright threw three touchdown passes and ran for one more.

Defensive Back Brian Fowler caught an interception and pitched it to teammate Cedrick Townsend who then took it 50 yards for the score.

2d MUNS 20 — 20th BS 0

Game three saw the last shut out and lowest scoring game of the night when the 2d Munitions Squadron defeated the 20th Bomb Squadron 20-0.

2d MUNS quarterback Thomas Harris threw two touchdown passes. Harris has not thrown an interception this year.

Three different members from 2d MUNS scored.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Timothy Himes, 2d CS #1, tries to evade a member from AWC/SVS during their game Tuesday night. Himes threw for a touchdown a few plays later.



Monday Night Football Party!

Washington Redskins

Dallas Cowboys



VS.



Win Big screen TV, X-Box, Superbowl trip, Pro Bowl trip to Honolulu!



Door prizes galore!

FREE drink with buffet

6:30 p.m. Tailgate

8 p.m. Kick-off

Enlisted Club

456-4467



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2d Services Events & Activities

www.barksdaleservices.com

HIGHLIGHTS

Big Bingo Begins

Big bingo is every Monday starting Oct. 11 at the enlisted club. It features 14 games and weekly prizes ranging from \$100-\$1,000. See page B

Free Taco Tuesday

Every Tuesday, enjoy a free taco bar from 4:30-6 p.m. at the enlisted club lounge or at the officers club's Hangar II. See page C

Scotch Doubles Tourney

Enjoy a FREE ribeye steak dinner at Fox Run Golf Course when you play in the tournament. Entry fee is only \$5 plus normal fees. See page D

Sunday Bowling Special

Enjoy new Sunday bowling and meal packages for groups of two, four, or six at the bowling center. See page C

Global Volksmarch

Hike the Big Tree Trail on the base's pristine east reservation on Nov. 13. Participation is free. See page D

Aero Club Open House

Tour the Aero Club and and enjoy free hot dogs and sodas on Oct. 15. Special prices for flight lessons will also be available. See page E

Teen Lock-in

The Smart Moves Teen Lock-in is scheduled for Nov. 19 at the youth center. It's a great night filled with fun events in a controlled environment. See page G

Discount State Fair Tickets

Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets to the Louisiana State Fair. Save \$2 per ticket. See page G

Monday Night Football

Enjoy dollar beers as the Cowboys battle the 'Skins on the big screen at the enlisted club. Lots of door prizes are given away weekly. See page H

2d Services Squadron &



present...



Fall Festival Car Show & Bike Rally

Oct. 16
10am - 4 pm.

Live Music
Vendors **Carnival**
Food **Drink** **Crafts**

Car or Motorcycle Show Entry Fee \$15
Includes goody bag with Free event T-Shirt

Craft Booths 10'X10" : \$39

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Call 456-3140 to sign up or register online at

www.barksdaleservices.com

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Officers and Enlisted Clubs 456-4926

Club Closure

The Clubs are closed on Oct. 18 in observance of Columbus Day.

Monday Two for One Lunch

Each Monday, members can enjoy half price lunch at the officers club. Bring a guest and the second meal is free. Non-members pay \$6.95. Enjoy everything on the buffet, including soup, salad bar, drink and dessert. Bring a friend this Monday and save!

Retired Member Fridays

The club salutes its retired membership every Friday night. Retirees buy dinner and get the second meal at half price. Stop by the Bayou Lounge for a cocktail before dinner.

Wednesday Steak for Two

Each Wednesday at the officers club, enjoy two steak dinners for only \$12.95. Steaks are cooked to perfection and cost members less than fast food would. Dinner is open to all ranks and starts at 5:30 p.m.

FREE Bingo Buffet

The special of the month happens each Thursday at the officers club. Club members enjoy a free dinner buffet when you purchase of a pack of bingo cards during the month of Oct. Non-members pay only half-price for the buffet during the month.

Prime Rib for Two

Enjoy slow roasted prime rib at the officers club every Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Two guests can enjoy dinner for only \$19.95. Meals are served with au jus and horseradish and choice of rice pilaf or potatoes, vegetable of the day and a glass of house wine. Reservations are encouraged at 456-4926 but walk-ins are accepted. All ranks are welcome.

Sunday Champagne Brunch

Enjoy brunch Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the officers club. Brunch is open to all ranks and features a carving station, made-to-order omelettes, a fresh salad and fruit bar, a large dessert bar, numerous lunch entrees and all the traditional breakfast favorites. Wine, bloody mary, mimosa and champagne are also available. This price is \$10.95 for adults, \$5.95 for ages 5-11 and FREE for under 5. Walk-ins are welcome.

Dollar Lunch

Members get the lunch buffet for only one dollar on Oct. 20. This is part of the Members First program. Encourage a friend to join the club, as it pays to be a club member.

BINGO

BIG Bingo

Cash Prizes \$50-\$1000

Mondays, starting Oct. 18

7 p.m. at the
Enlisted Club

14+ games

Eligible non-members pay \$5 entry and win 50% of cash jackpots, so why not join? Applications available.



Bar Bingo

\$500 Nightly Jackpot

Mon-Fri 7 p.m.

Enlisted Club lounge

Bingo Mania

\$1100 Cash Jackpot/Prizes

Thursday Officers Club

Open to all ranks

FREE BUFFET for members
with purchase of packet!
Buffet & Early Bird 5:30 p.m.
Bingo 6:30 p.m.



Ladies Night

Every Thursday at the
Enlisted Club

\$1 Long Island teas

\$1 Daiquiries

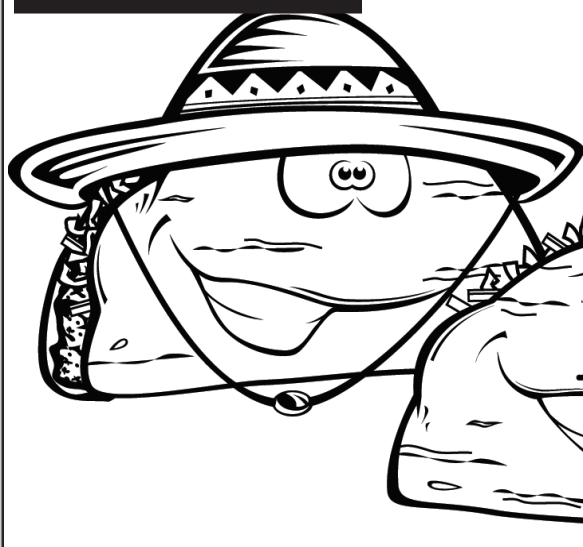
\$ Pina Coladas

DJ plays requests.

Call 456-4467 and reserve a table!



FREE TACO TUESDAY



4:30-6 P.M.

E-CLUB

LOUNGE

& O-CLUB'S HANGAR 2

**Arts & Crafts
456-5594**

Teen's First Car Class

The auto hobby shop is offering a teen's first car class Saturday and again on Oct. 30. Teens will learn to check oil, fluids and brakes, how to change a tire and other helpful tips. Class starts at 5 p.m. and the cost is \$10. As the man said, "Pay me now or pay me later!" Call 456-4695 to enroll.

Scrapbooking Class

Scrapbooking classes are offered the first Thursday of each month at the arts and crafts center. Basic training is in Oct. for \$10, stamping for cards/scrapbooks is in Nov. for \$8 including all supplies, and mosaic pages is in Dec. for \$15. Students should bring 15-20 pictures of one subject, cutting mat, exacto knife and adhesive. Call 456-3140 for details.

Pottery Class

Anyone 15 years or older can learn to make pottery at the arts and crafts center. Classes are taught every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Learn basic and advanced pottery making skills. Instruction is individualized. The cost is \$8.50 plus supplies. Call or stop by the arts and crafts center for details.

Children's Art Class

Arts and crafts has children's art class every Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 and up, depending on the project. Instruction is hands-on, so ages 5-12 are welcome. Reservations are required by Tuesday each week. Call 456-3140 to sign up.

Framing Class

Frame your own pictures and save! Framing classes will be held Oct. 5, 7, and 12 from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$25 plus supplies and students should bring a picture or photo (11 X 14 inches or smaller) suitable for framing. Our experts will help you achieve professional results. Pre-payment is required and a minimum of four students is needed to have a class. Reserve your spot today.

Woodworking Class

Learn to build! Woodworking classes at the wood hobby shop are on Oct. 5, 7, 12 and 14. Students must be at least 17 years of age. Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. and cover basic woodworking skills, techniques, safety and equipment use and include a take-home project. The program is four classes and costs \$65. Instruction is hands-on and personal. Stop by or call 456-3409 for details.

Gifts & Getaways 456-1865



Oct. 22- Nov. 7
Get discount tickets at
Gifts & Getaways!

	General Admission	All You Can Ride
Gate Price	\$8	\$25
Our Price	\$6	\$23

Gifts & Getaways
is located in the BX mall!

Quick Trips

Great travel for even the tightest schedules!

Screams Theme Park in Waxahatchie, Texas

October 25

Visit the world's largest halloween theme park. Features 4 haunted houses, a haunted maze and more. Chartered bus transportation and entry to park \$50

Holiday Dallas Shopping Trip

November 11

Visit the Galleria, Trader's Village and other great shops
Transportation included \$25

Famous Natchitoches Tour of Lights

November 20

Visit the Christmas light festival that was featured in the movie *Steel Magnolias*. Lots of shops, lights, food and fun. Transportation included \$17

Dallas Cowboys/New Orleans Saints game

December 12

Transportation on chartered bus and game ticket for \$100

Marshall, Texas Holiday Lights Tour

December 18

Enjoy lights, outdoor ice skating, hot chocolate and more.
Transportation included \$17

Call Gifts and Getaways at 456-1866 to sign up for any of these trips!

Robert Trent Jones Golf

Barksdale is the only place to get military discounts on Robert Trent Jones golf! Play award-winning courses all over Alabama for as little as \$29, which includes green fee and cart rental. Custom group packages and discounts on lodging are also available. Don't pay full prices to play ... call Mary Gang at 456-5594 and make a reservation today.

Discount Disney tickets

Take the family to see Mickey and the gang. Save \$15 to \$33 on Walt Disney World tickets. Packages grant admission to all four Orlando parks ... Magic Kingdom, MGM Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom and Epcot Center. Passes are available for up to a week. Come to Gifts and Getaways to plan the vacation of a lifetime without breaking the bank.

Rangers/Cowboys Tickets

Tickets are on sale for Dallas Cowboys NFL home games and Texas Rangers Major League Baseball in Arlington, Texas. Prices range from \$4-\$40. Arlington is only a three hour drive from Barksdale. Lots of fun and attractions are available in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Save big at Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall.

Youth Center 456-3448

HAUNTED HAYRIDE


**OCT. 28-30
6-10 P.M.
AT CULLEN PARK**

**CALL 456-3448
FOR DETAILS**



Lights on Afterschool Programs

Oct. 14, 4 p.m. at the Youth Center



After school program benefits:

- They support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive when the school day ends.
- They make communities stronger by involving students, parents, business leaders, and volunteers.
- They help children discover hidden talents as they grow academically and socially.

Pre-teen Lock-in

The pre-teen lock in is Nov. 5 at the Youth Center. The event is for ages nine to 11 and from 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. The night is filled with food and fun. Children compete with other ACC bases in several events. Call 456-3448 to reserve a spot.

Program announcement

The Barksdale Air Force Base Family Child Care Program announces its sponsorship of the Family Day Care Home component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals at no separate charge and with no physical segregation of or other discrimination against any child because of race, sex, age, color, disability or national origin. Participants who are members of FITAP assistance units or Food Stamp households are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. This statement applies to all family day care homes under the jurisdiction of this agency.

If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Youth Opera

Shreveport Opera will perform Little Red Riding Hood at the youth center on Oct. 12 at 4:30 p.m. Admission is free to all ages. The entire base community is invited.

Halloween Party

The Neewollah Ball, a pre-teen halloween party, is set for Oct. 23 from 6-9 p.m. Refreshments are provided and the party features a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the scariest costume, cutest costume, funniest costume and most original costume. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Call 456-3448 for details.

Battle of the Bands

Come to this competition between high school bands. The competition is set for 2 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the youth center. Call 456-3448 to find out more.

Cheerleading Class

Registration for cheerleading basics class at the Youth Center. Students learn tumbling, stunting, dance and cheering techniques. Youth five years or older may participate. The course is instructed by coach Mandy and is great preparation for competitive cheerleading or just for fun. Classes are held weekly. The cost is \$30 per month for once a week and \$45 per month for twice a week. Call 456-3448 for details.

Nov. 19 Smart Moves



TEEN LOCK-IN

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**Games
Food
Fun
Music**

Sponsored by:



Call 456-3448!

Fox Run Golf Course 456-2263



Scotch Doubles Tournament Sunday

**Man/women two person scramble
Ribeye steak dinner afterwards
\$5 per person plus normal fees**

Register today at Fox Run

Bowling Center 456-4133

Sunday Special

**unlimited bowling for 3 hours, shoes, and choice of meal combo
(burgers, chicken tenders, hot dogs, corn dogs or grilled cheese)**



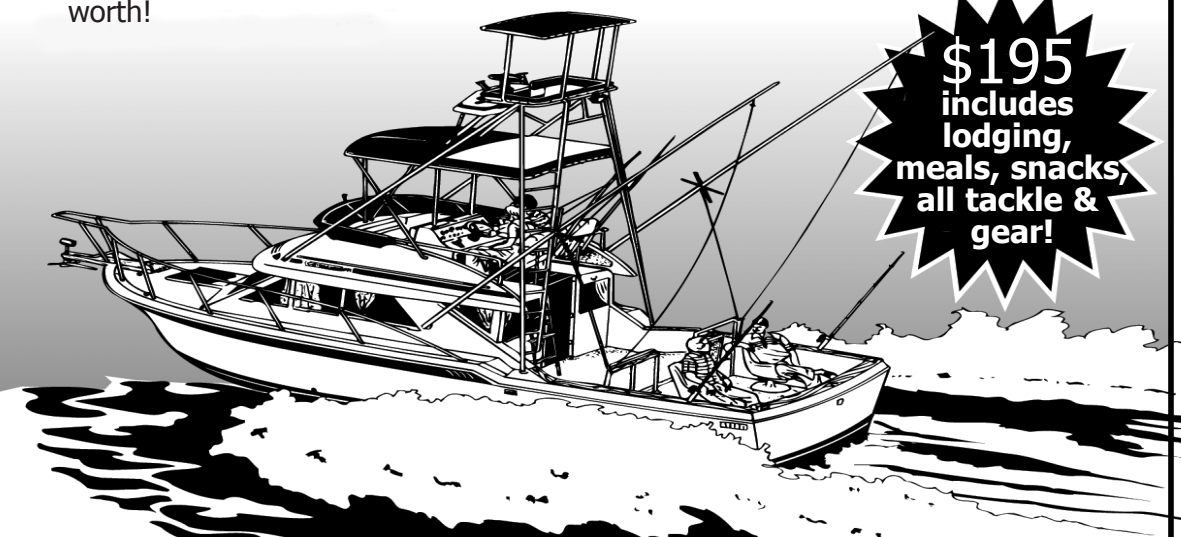
6 guests/\$49.95 4 guests/\$39.95 2 guests/\$29.95

Strike on the red head pin and win a FREE game!

Outdoor Recreation 456-3426

DEEP SEA FISHING

Join Outdoor Recreation for a fishing adventure in Biloxi, MS on October 8-10. Fish with a professional guide and experience everything the ocean has to offer. Experienced, qualified guides mean an increased catch for you. Get your money's worth!



\$195
includes
lodging,
meals, snacks,
all tackle &
gear!

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Located on the east reservation 456-7765



Hike Big Tree Trail

Nov. 13, 9 a.m. - noon

Get a Volksmarch pin!
FREE admission!
7 or 10 mile route

Brats, knauts, chips & soda for sale

Call 456-7765 to sign-up.



Diamond Dig

You could strike it rich as you travel with outdoor recreation to the Prescott Diamond Mine in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. On Nov. 6, a group will head north to dig and screen for diamonds. All equipment and lunch is provided. The cost is \$25 per guest. Call 456-7765 to sign-up.

Paintball

Enjoy paintball Oct. 23, Nov. 13 or Dec. 4. Sessions are held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and last approximately three hours. The cost is \$12 and includes gun rental, mask, CO2 refills and 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are available for purchase at \$4 per 100 and \$15 per 500. Sign up is due by Oct. 8, Oct. 29, and Nov. 26 respectively. Guests should wear long sleeves for warmth and protection. Call 456-7765 to sign up.

Private Paintball Parties

Enjoy fresh homemade pizza and paintball party. Squadron groups are welcome. Guests play three hours of paintball for \$12, which includes the rental of the mask, gun, 100 paintballs and CO2 refills. Additional paint is available. Call 456-7765 for pricing on pizza, drinks and snacks.

Hiking & Biking Trails

Take a three, seven or ten mile hike through the pristine woods of the East Reservation. Numerous historical sites scatter the trails for viewing. The hiking trail begins by the Flag Lake Gate and is well marked to keep walkers on course. Stop by Outdoor Recreation on the east side for a trail map. Hikers can get the combination to the gate at equipment rental, natural resources, or the east side shopette. Call 456-7765 for details.

Chainsaw Tune-up

Equipment Rental is offering a chainsaw tune-up special. They will clean the saw, change the plug, sharpen the chain and lubricate everything for only \$25. They offer sharpening for only \$5 when the chain is on the machine and \$3 when the chain is off. Repair is also available for \$25 per hour plus parts. Stop by equipment rental before winter comes.

Mower Special

Winterize that lawn mower at equipment rental. Their tune-up special includes cleaning the air filter, washing the mower and changing the oil for \$25 on push mowers and \$35 for riding mowers. Annual maintenance makes mowers last longer. They can also sharpen blades and repair broken mowers. Call at 456-3426 or stop by equipment rental.

New Pick-up Service

To make our customers' lives simpler, equipment rental will now pick up broken 4 wheel atv's or mowers for repair. They will also deliver the repaired equipment upon completion. The fee is \$10 for deliveries under 15 miles and \$20 for deliveries 15-30 miles away. The price does not include the repair. Call to arrange an appointment at 456-3426.

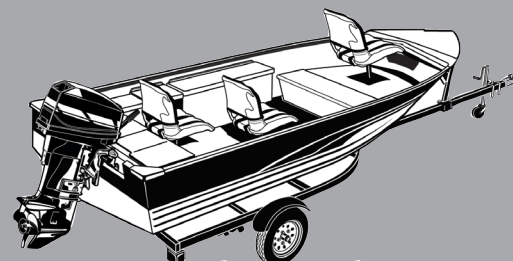
ATV Tune-up

Get that ATV ready for hunting season with a tune-up at equipment rental. They change the spark plugs, check the rear end oil, clean the air filter and change the engine oil for only \$45. They can also repair non-running ATV's. Proper maintenance extends the life of the engine. Protect your investment with a tune-up. Call 456-3426 for more information.

Rent Today!



Campers
19 ft. \$60 / day
24 ft. \$65 / day
26 ft. \$70 / day



Express bass boat
with 40 h.p Yamaha
\$60 / day

Equipment Rental
456 3426

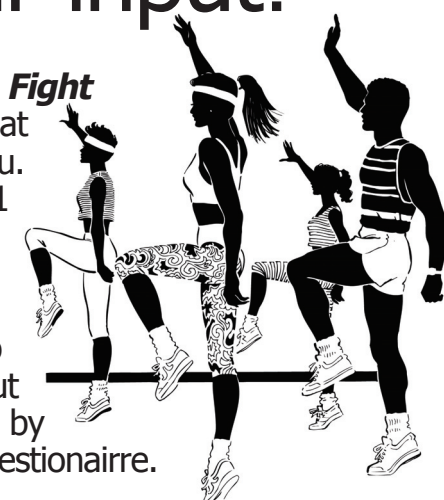
Fitness Center 456-4135



**Team
Push-up
Challenge
Wednesday
Teams
(4 male, 1 female)
compete for prizes**

We need your input!

To better prepare you for the *Fit to Fight* program, we would like to know what types of aerobics classes interest you. The new fiscal year begins on Oct. 1 and with this comes a new fitness contract. The fitness center is committed to providing the classes that you need in the coming year to increase your fitness level. Your input will shape this program. Please stop by the fitness center and fill out the questionnaire.



Aero Club 456-8179

Open House

Oct. 15, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



**FREE hot dogs & soda
FREE initiation**

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